

Testimonial

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To: Members of Appropriations Committee of the Connecticut State Legislature

From: Wesley Hipolito, Flanagan Industries, Glastonbury

Good Evening,

I am Wesley Hipolito, an employee of Flanagan Industries in Glastonbury. My route to Flanagan and advanced manufacturing technology is both exciting and note worthy. As Ken Flanagan stated, I started out at Asnuntuck while in high school.

I was fortunate enough to have heard about the manufacturing program at Asnuntuck that allowed me to go there from my high school for 2 hours a day, five days each week. I was able to earn dual credit – high school and college credits.

Most important, I fell in love with advanced machining and all the opportunities made available to me. I was actually provided an opportunity to work with an employer while I was enrolled in College Connections.

Upon graduation from high school, I applied and was granted a full scholarship by Flanagan Industries. A full scholarship means exactly that: books, fees, tuition, and even a paid internship during my second semester of college.

I have been employed at Flanagan Industries for more than one year and progressing and learning daily.

What can I say other than ask your support of the manufacturing technology Center at Asnuntuck. The staff are dedicated to the students and the manufacturing community in Connecticut.

Thank you for listening.